

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-15, 17, 22, 23 and 25 are original.

Claims 5, 6 and 18-21 are canceled.

Claims 9, 12, 16, 24 and 26 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims, as originally filed, and throughout the specification.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-4, 7-17 and 22-26 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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